

# Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

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**Dear Board of Selectmen Members:**

***This week's activities of note:***

- Town Counsel has successfully negotiated the final terms of the property transfer from MASS DOT for the Cloverleaf and the deed is being prepared.
- The Town's cable contract with Comcast will expire in two years. KP Law has an attorney with specific expertise and experience in negotiating cable contracts on behalf of Towns. I have had a preliminary conversation with the attorney and will be scheduling meetings. The Cable Advisory Committee only has two members, if any resident is interested in joining the committee please let the Selectman's office know.
- A white shark was identified by spotter planes 1 mile north of Highland Light on 7/20/17 at approximately 12:30 pm. Coast Guard and Head of the Meadow beaches were closed to swimming for one hour from the sighting in accordance with the Cape Cod Shark Task Force Group's protocol. A second sighting occurred on Friday at approximately 10:15 am and swimming was again closed at Coast Guard and Head of the Meadow beaches.
- Interviews for the Town Planner position and the Recreation/ Beach Director position have been scheduled. Interviews are conducted by three-person panels and are scheduled for August 2 and August 9. We are very grateful to the community members who have volunteered to serve on these panels.
- Staff is continuing research on the pesticide issue that was raised by our community members. We will provide updates as we have more information.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Tuesday, July 25, 2017-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall-5:00pm
- Saturday, July 29, 2017-Truro Historic Review Board/Truro Historical Commission @ Truro Public Library-10:00am

**Department News:**

Police Department

- The Truro Police Department continues to provide traffic assistance for the summer recreation program during pick up and drop off times.
- The Truro Police Department continues to conduct pro-active traffic enforcement on primary and secondary roads in our ongoing effort to promote traffic safety.
- In response to resident requests, the Truro Police Department is placing our speed trailer at various locations in town.
- Shift Sergeants are encouraging officers at Roll Call to seek out positive interactions with the public that reflect the spirit of our newly drafted mission statement.
- Sergeant Raneo and his K-9 partner "Ella" attended narcotics detection training and search and rescue/friendly find training.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 10 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 10 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 28 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Department responded mutual aid to the Town of Wellfleet with a command vehicle and water tender for a reported fire at Marconi Grill. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no injuries.
- The Department's car seat program has seen a recent increase in seat checks during the past few weeks. We would like to remind residents and visitors that they may have their car seats checked to insure that they installed properly. Residents and visitors may call the station to schedule a time with an available technician.
- Governor Baker has proclaimed this week as Hurricane Awareness Week and the Department would like

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to remind residents to be prepared in case of an actual hurricane emergency. The below links include the Governor's proclamation as well as information from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) with some preparation tips for hurricane season.

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/emergencies/hurricanes/>

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/mema/hurricane-preparedness-week-july-2017.pdf>

### Department of Public Works

- While capital improvement projects are underway for this year, DPW Director Cabral has started developing a capital improvement plan for FY 2019.
- The DPW has accomplished an initial walk-through with PMG Mechanical and Rise Engineering in regards to the Safety Facility Green Community Grant award.
- In collaboration with the National Seashore, a large concrete block will be removed early Monday morning from the beach access pathway at Longnook Beach. The DPW will be escorted by a Seashore representative down the beach to ensure no wildlife or damage to the resource area will take place.
- The DPW, along with Cape Light Compact, DMI Inc., and Rise Engineering, have completed an energy study of Truro Central School. Eighteen energy efficiency projects have been identified and will be submitted in the next round of the Green Community Competitive Grant cycle.
- Roadway sweeping and mowing continue, along with standard landscape maintenance along town roads and grounds. Frequency of catch basin cleaning has increased due to the amount of rain we have received this spring.
- Online sales for the Transfer Station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers and kiosk locations.

### Recreation/Beach

- Activities this week at the Summer Rec Youth program:
  - Teen kayaking trip
  - Field trip to Heritage Museums & Gardens and The Adventure Park (see attached pictures)
  - Field trip to the Cape Cod Inflatable Park
  - Community Gardening at the Truro Public Library
- The Beach Office continues to sell Transfer Station permits, beach stickers, and beach fire permits.

### Council on Aging

- COA Director Travers met with Chief Danziger, Officer Roda, a parent and member of the Commission on Disabilities and COA Outreach Resource Coordinator Cutler, to discuss the "Project Silver" program which is a new collaboration between the Police Department and Council on Aging. The purpose of this program is to provide all members of our community the opportunity to communicate any medical, mental health, or disability related vital information to the police department, in advance, in the event that the information is needed during an emergency or a call for service. Going forward, we plan on holding an informational session at the Council on Aging in the fall to inform Truro residents about the program and to answer any questions or concerns.
- The FY18 Formula Grant that subsidizes the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter may be cut by 3%. The Council on Aging will be notified in August if our grants will need to be adjusted.
- Attached is the Outreach Resource Coordinator's FY2017 monthly totals of services provided to older adults.

### Harbor Master

- Utilized the Harbor Master boat to retrieve skiffs that broke free from the dingy dock and ended up in the marsh.
- Retrieved a transient boat that was poorly tied to the mooring and secured it properly.

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- Added another skiff to accommodate the transient boats.
- Replaced pin that connects the two main docks.

## Library

- All aboard the Coastal Explorer on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This unique 31-foot educational vehicle is equipped with hands-on marine science displays, activities, and aquariums. All ages are invited to come and learn about coastal animals.
- On Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., editor and translator Dick Cluster, will read from his work *Kill the Ampaya!*, a collection of Latin American baseball stories.
- Expressive and creative art educator Jennifer Stratton will facilitate the creation of fairy and nature houses on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:30 p.m. will be an Afternoon of Poetry and Music at the Library. Barry Hellman's Cape Cod Poetry Group will be hosting a reading of their works, some of which will be accompanied by music.
- Truro artist Warren Green will display his work at the Truro Library Anne H. Brock Community Room during the month of August.
- Please support the Friends of the Library with a visit to their GIGANTIC BOOKSALE on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Rain date: Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>).

## Assessing

- The Assessing Staff is in the process of updating and analyzing data for the FY2018 Interim Valuation DOR analysis.
- The Assessing Staff has completed mailing pre-qualifying Residential Exemption applications and is accepting completed ones. To date, 827 applications were mailed, 124 have been received back. The packet can be found on the Assessor's page on the Town website.

## Attachments

1. Photographs from Truro Public Library.
2. Outreach Resource Coordinator's FY17 monthly totals of services provided.
3. Photographs from Truro Beach/Rec.
4. Photograph from Harbor Master.



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**Outreach Resource Coordinator's Totals FY 2017**

July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Category:	Totals:
24	20	25	28	42	34	31	26	33	22	11	28	Office Consultation	324
44	56	48	57	61	41	27	49	30	44	21	49	Phone Consultation	527
6	7	5	1	17	22	8	12	16	16	12	19	Home Visits	141
5	3	1	4	3	2	7	7	7	5	2	8	Case Management	54
5	8	1	2	10	3	5	11	7	6	4	8	(REACH / OCHS)	70
4	6	2	4	17	6	2	3	2	5	2	5	Client Findings	58
56	43	33	39	54	45	33	43	44	39	16	41	Client Outreach	486
2	1	2	4	2	1	3	4	3	1	2	2	Financial	27
8	2	5	3	12	5	3	3	3	5	5	4	Food Pantry	58
0	0	5	8	10	2	4	3	2	1	2	0	Fuel Assistance	37
14	34	42	56	33	14	31	8	38	20	9	21	General Information	320
3	2	3	14	21	5	4	5	5	3	2	8	Health Benefits	75
6	4	4	2	8	4	6	5	3	4	4	11	Medical Loan	61
3	4	6	6	11	6	8	10	6	10	5	6	Mental Health	81
1	2	2	1	5	1	4	3	2	2	1	2	SNAP	26
32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	Town Nurse	384
8	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	USDA (Bi-monthly)	40
14	16	9	10	17	10	16	9	8	5	2	10	(Under age 65)	126
12	14	7	8	7	4	8	7	8	3	3	4	Non-Residents	85
8	0	9	1	11	9	2	6	3	4	10	0	Free Smoke Detectors	63
1	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	A Ride Home Program	9
<b>256</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3052</b>

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